

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 864
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. John W. Ellis, Jr. of
Jefferson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the untimely passing of Dr. John Ellis, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellis was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellis served with acumen and alacrity as a General Practitioner of
Medicine in Jefferson County for 40 years, in which position he earned the respect of his
colleagues and patients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after attending Tennessee Military Institute and earning his Bachelor of
Science degree from Carson Newman College, Dr. Ellis furthered his education by obtaining his
medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, serving as a Medical Officer with the United States Navy from October of
1955 to October of 1957, Dr. Ellis acquired the rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to Jefferson City, Dr. Ellis opened his own medical practice
in 1957; it remained open until 1992, at which time he began to work solely for Team Health
Emergency Room Physicians at Jefferson Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, one of the hospital's original staff members in 1960, Dr. Ellis was a long-
time supporter and staff physician of Jefferson Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the community, Dr. Ellis was an active member in many worthy
organizations including the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity, Civitan Club, Lions Club, Jefferson City
Chamber of Commerce, Tennessee Medical Association, American Medical Association,
American Academy of Family Physicians, the Mossy Creek Masonic Lodge F and AM # 353,

Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Kerbella Shrine of Knoxville; he also served on the Board of Trustees of both Carson Newman College and the Tennessee Military Institute; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional leader, Dr. Ellis was a Vice President and Director of the Jefferson Jaycees and was President and Director of the Lakeway Medical Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellis was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Jefferson City, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, also deeply devoted to his family, Dr. Ellis always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellis enjoyed the loving companionship of Carolyn Quarles Ellis and was the proud father of sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. John W., III and Susan Adams Ellis, and Dr. Frank S. and Karen Price Ellis; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Kristen Suzanne, Brent Leslie, Laura Ruth, and Frank William "Will" Ellis; step-grandchildren, Ashley Meghan and Taylor Storme Price; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy Ellis and Lamar Orr; mother-in-law, Anna Hamilton Quarles; several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellis was preceded in death by his parents, John W. Ellis, Sr. and Margaret Harris Ellis; his father-in-law, Frank Quarles; and his nephew, William Albert Orr; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellis leaves behind an indelible legacy of kindness and compassion in his public life, probity and loyalty in his private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. John W. Ellis, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, compassion for others, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Ellis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.